

In the Claims:

Claims 1-15 were pending at the time of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-9, 11, and 13-14 have been amended as indicated in the listing below.

Claims 1-15 remain pending and are listed as follows:

1. (Currently amended) In a system comprising a multimedia player application operatively configured to interface with a multimedia navigator program via at least one application programming interface (API), a method comprising:

causing the multimedia player application to identify to the API the availability of a ~~parental level change feature~~ enabling increase of a parental level parameter associated with the multimedia player application after playback of a given instance of media content has begun; and

upon finding a need for a ~~parental level change~~ of the parental level parameter after playback has begun, causing the multimedia navigator program to pause playback of the media content, and blocking playback of ~~corresponding the~~ media content until the multimedia player application indicates that the it accepts an appropriate requested parental level parameter has been increased so as to enable playback of the media content.

1 2. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the media
2 content includes digital versatile disc (DVD) formatted content.

3 3. (Currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the
4 multimedia player application presents a user interface seeking authority to set the
5 appropriate parental level while the media content is paused after playback of the
6 media content has begun.

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8 4. (Currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein
9 upon the acceptance of the appropriate parental level after playback of the media
10 content has begun, the paused media content continues playback without ~~restarting~~
11 ~~from~~ replaying a previously played portion of the media content.

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13 5. (Original) The medium as recited in Claim 1, wherein the media
14 content includes selectable multiple segments, each being associated with a
15 parental level, and wherein the multimedia navigator program is configured to
16 suggest an appropriate segment upon encountering multiple segments during
17 playback to the multimedia player application.

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19 6. (Currently amended) In a system comprising a multimedia player
20 application operatively configured to interface with a multimedia navigator
21 program via at least one application programming interface (API), a computer-
22 readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps
23 comprising:
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1 causing the multimedia player application to identify to the API the
2 availability of a ~~parental level change~~ feature enabling increase of a parental level
3 parameter associated with the multimedia player application after playback of a
4 given instance of media content has begun; and

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6 upon finding a need for a ~~parental level change~~ of the parental level
7 parameter after playback has begun, causing the multimedia navigator program to
8 pause playback of the media content, and blocking playback of ~~corresponding~~the
9 media content until the multimedia player application indicates that it accepts the
10 requested parental level.

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12 7. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 6,
13 wherein the media content includes digital versatile disc (DVD) formatted content.

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15 8. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in
16 Claim 6, wherein the multimedia player application presents a user interface
17 seeking authority to set the appropriate parental level while the media content is
18 paused after playback of the media content has begun.

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20 9. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in
21 Claim 6, wherein upon the acceptance of the appropriate parental level after
22 playback of the media content has begun, the paused media content continues
23 playback without ~~restarting from~~ replaying a previously played portion of the
24 media content.
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1 10. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 6,
2 wherein the media content includes selectable multiple segments, each being
3 associated with a parental level, and wherein the multimedia navigator program is
4 configured to suggest an appropriate segment upon encountering the segment
5 during playback to the multimedia player application.

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7 11. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

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9 a multimedia player application;

10 a multimedia navigator program; and

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12 at least one application programming interface (API) configured to
13 operatively interface the multimedia player application with the multimedia
14 navigator program, and wherein the multimedia player application is configured to
15 identify to the API the availability of a ~~parental level change~~ feature enabling
16 increase of a parental level parameter associated with the multimedia player
17 application after playback of a given instance of media content has begun, and
18 upon finding a need for a ~~parental level change~~ of the parental level parameter
19 after playback has begun, the multimedia navigator program pauses and blocks
20 playback of corresponding media content until the multimedia player application
21 indicates that it accepts the requested parental level.

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23 12. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the media
24 content includes digital versatile disc (DVD) formatted content.
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1 13. (Currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the
2 multimedia player application presents a user interface seeking authority to set the
3 appropriate parental level while the media content is paused after playback of the
4 media content has begun.

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6 14. (Currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein
7 upon the acceptance of the appropriate parental level after playback of the media
8 content has begun, the paused media content continues playback without ~~restarting~~
9 ~~from~~ replaying a previously played portion of the media content.

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11 15. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the media
12 content includes selectable multiple segments, each being associated with a
13 parental level, and wherein the multimedia navigator program is configured to
14 suggest an appropriate segment upon encountering the segment during playback to
15 the multimedia player application.
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